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Best USASA Newspapers Named

During the recent USASA Commanders Conference, Agency publications selected as best in 1969 were announced with nine units named winners of USASA's fourth annual newspaper awards.

Framed certificates "For Excellence in Command Information" were presented to first and second place newspapers in each category.

In the letterpress category, the **Kagnew Gazelle** took first place honors as it has in the past. Published by FS Asmara, the editor of this weekly newspaper is Specialist 5 Bronson C. Davis. Second place went to the **Ramasun Relay** which is published by the 7th Radio Research Field Station. This monthly newspaper is under the editorship of Specialist 5 William H. Luker and Specialist 4 Thomas P. McLaughlin.

First place in the offset category went to the **Bugle**, published by FS Two Rock Ranch. The editor of this monthly publication is Specialist 4 Franklin F. York. Taking second place was the **Antenna**, published by FS Vint Hill Farms. Editors of the biweekly were Specialists 5 J. M. Ryburn and R. D. Shephard.

The **Frankfurter Forum** which placed second in Army competition, won first place in the multilith printed newspapers. Published monthly by USASA Europe, it is under the editorship of Specialists 5 Arthur Dworken and Charles E. Downey. Second place went to the **Talon**, a biweekly newspaper. Published by FS Rothwesten, the editors are Specialist 5 Paul E. Frechette and Specialist 4 Edward G. Finn.

Another second place winner in the Army competition, the **ASA Leader**, won first place in the mimeograph category. Published by USASA Southern Command, the editor of this monthly paper is Specialist 5 Everette L. Gilliam. The **Glass Ball**, published by FS Shemya, was awarded second place honors. Editors of this biweekly are Staff Sergeant William F. Conway and Specialist 4 Charles A. Wolfe.

The **Chitose Courier**, published in magazine format with striking color covers, received a special award for outstanding achievement in the use of spectacular photographic art. This monthly publication, published by FS Chitose, is under the editorship of Specialist 5 Robert W. Norris Jr.

Congratulations are extended to all commanders whose unit newspapers were winners of the 1969 USASA Newspaper Awards and to those personnel who served as editors and staff members during the competitive period.

Judging by the closeness of the competition in each category, commanders whose unit newspapers were not winners also deserve commendation. Their publications improve in quality with each issue and reflect the dedicated efforts of their editorial staffs.

COVER: The Furukawa Pavilion at Expo '70 is a faithful reproduction of a 1200 year old pagoda. Expo '70 will be featured in our July issue. **BACK:** An ancient Torri Gate, symbol of the Far East.

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Viet Vets Charter Davis-Koelper VFW Post



The photograph of SP4 Davis is held by CSM Kelly and Commander-elect Gleeson (right) after presentation was made by COL Sloan (left). This reproduction of a painting at Ft. Devens, Mass., was the highlight of the afternoon ceremonies.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) recently formed a new charter post in Northbrook, Ill. The post claims to be the first VFW post to be chartered entirely of veterans of service in Vietnam.

The Davis-Koelper Post No. 1246 was named and dedicated in honor of Specialist 4 James T. Davis and Major Donald Koelper.

Specialist Davis, the first American soldier killed in the Vietnam conflict, received his training at the Army

Security Agency Training Center & School (TC&S) at Ft. Devens, Mass.

Major Koelper, U.S. Marine Corps, was the first Northbrook area serviceman to give his life in Vietnam.

The list of guest speakers at the dedication included the Army Security Agency's Chief of Staff, Colonel Nicholas E. Sloan. Also representing ASA was Command Sergeant Major Johnny M. Kelly, Davis' team chief in Vietnam, now serving with the 301st ASA Bn., Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Colonel Sloan and CSM Kelly provided one of the highlights of the day's ceremonies when they presented the new post with a photographic reproduction of a painting of SP4 Davis.

Paul Gleeson, a Northbrook attorney and the Commander-elect of Post 1246, received numerous letters and telegrams before the ceremony. The Vietnamese Ambassador to the United States, Bui Diem, sent a Vietnamese Flag and a personal letter from Nguyen Van Thieu, President of the Republic of Vietnam.

Mr. Gleeson stated that the Davis-Koelper Post is not restricted to Northbrook residents. Although the charter membership consists only of Vietnam vets, any male who has served honorably in any foreign war is eligible for membership.



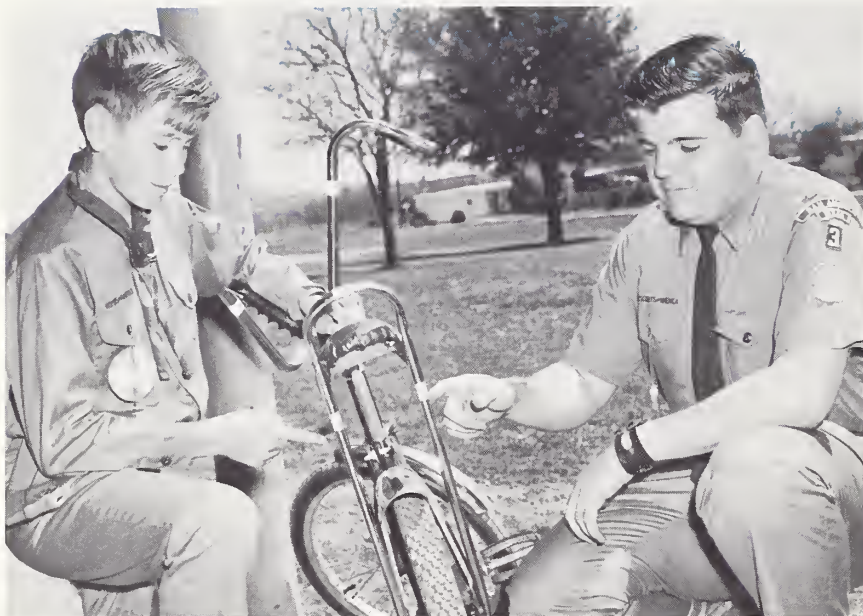
Colonel Nicholas E. Sloan, Chief of Staff, HQ USASA, addresses the guests at the dedication and formal installation of officers at the Davis-Koelper Post in Illinois.

*"With this personification of
pride and love . . . our country
will never die."*



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



Scoutmaster John A. Randall, a Goodfellow AFB sergeant, and scout Kevin King show the places they put reflectorized tape on a youngster's bicycle in San Angelo, Tex. (USAF Photo by SSgt M. J. Austin)

TEXAS

San Angelo—Goodfellow AFB personnel who are members of the local VFW, as well as those connected with the Boy Scouts, recently participated in project "Lite-A-Bike" which highlighted the statewide safety campaign.

Sergeant First Class Clayton J. McLucas, ASA instructor with the TC&S Det and Junior Vice-Commander of Fort Concho Post 1815, supervised the work of putting reflectorized safety tape on bicycles.

Assisting McLucas was the VFW post's Senior Vice-Commander, Sergeant First Class Henry R. Chipman who also is an ASA instructor.

The seven pieces of tape put on each bicycle make the vehicles visible from all directions up to 1,500 feet away.

GERMANY

Rothwesten—Piling up laurels has become almost a pastime with Richard

W. Goodrich. The 25-year-old staff sergeant of Company A, Field Station. Rothwesten, was named Distinguished Graduate of the Seventh Army NCO Academy in April.

For his first-place finish, SSG Goodrich was awarded E6 stripes during graduation exercises. He also received the U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army Award and the General George S. Patton Award for Excellence.

Goodrich is the third soldier from the field station to place first at the academy in the past year.

ARIZONA

Ft. Huachuca—The USASA T&EC element is only one part of Ft. Huachuca's huge complex. But like cream in milk and oil in water, the element of quality will always rise to the top, as did Specialist 5 Eugene J. Richard. He was recently chosen as Ft. Huachuca's 1970 Soldier of the Year.

Richard, a systems repairman, bested his competitors in the areas of military bearing, military subjects, technical knowledge, and current events. He received a three-day pass, a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond, a 30-day exemption from roster-type details, a certificate of achievement and a new green uniform.

A graduate of Nicholls State College in Louisiana, Richard was honored at a luncheon given by the Tucson Trade Bureau, at a Ft. Huachuca Appreciation Day dinner, and at Armed Forces Day activities at Ft. Huachuca and Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz.

VIETNAM

Saigon—Staff Sergeant Alvin B. Reining, assigned to the Radio Research Communications Unit, reenlisted for six more years in April. His \$10,000 bonus is the largest amount one can receive for reenlisting. The Oklahoma native has been in Vietnam since October 1967 and has worked as a facilities controller since that time.

SSG Reining and his wife are looking forward to his next assignment at Ford Ord, Calif.



SSG Reining receives his discharge papers from COL W. W. Higgins, CO, 509th RR Gp.



VIRGINIA

Vint Hill Farms—As soon as those hands are down, each of the five men on the right will take his share of the \$46,000 on the table. COL Eugene Bratton, CO, ASA Materiel Support Command, administers the oath to reenlistees (from right) SSG Vogel, SP6 Chambers, SP5 McBee, SP5 McFarland and SP5 Starnes. Assigned to Hq Co, the group will soon travel 25,000 miles on reenlistment-connected tours of duty to Japan, Europe and Korea. The middlemen just muscled in on the action.



HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

SILVER STAR

STAFF SERGEANT: Douglas J. Warden (1).

LEGION OF MERIT

COLONEL: Charles R. Bradley Jr. (1), Eugene T. Bratton (2).
MAJOR: John W. Robinson.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: John J. Schweiger.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

CAPTAIN: John E. Bircher III, Thomas B. Davis.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Charles E. Fellner, William H. Janelle.

MASTER SERGEANT: William C. Dougall, James E. Welch.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: William R. McIntire.

STAFF SERGEANT: James E. Augustine, Donald E. Bray, William H. Freeman, Marshall B. Gause (1), Ballard W. Ratliff, James S. Taylor (1).

SERGEANT: Charles E. Priest.

SPECIALIST 5: James J. Rawlins.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: George R. Mullin, Otis G. Tippit.

MAJOR: Richard C. Buczek, Gary F. Chladek, Lewis R. Ireland, Richard R. Kurtz.

CAPTAIN: William E. DeLaittre, Andrew J. Lyke, Larry E. Smith, Harry L. Wiggins.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Gary F. Gurski, Jose M. Perez, William J. Swords.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: James F. Current.

WARRANT OFFICER: Larry H. Eckard, John P. Sanderson.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Johnny M. Kelly (1).

MASTER SERGEANT: Francis C. Berthold, George S. Brown, Roy O. Culp Jr., Leroy E. Gettz, John F. Wiegel.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Sonia K. Epley (WAC), Harry J. Hampton, Faustin A. Padilla, Robert G. Waldera.

STAFF SERGEANT: Ronald L. Berkenstock, Gary R. Sanders.

SPECIALIST 6: Donald D. Koehler.

SPECIALIST 5: Willie Caughman, Terry D. Lester, Michael R. Patterson, Stanley L. Korwin.

AIR MEDAL

COLONEL: Charles R. Bradley Jr.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: William R. McIntire (2-5).

JOINT SERVICES COMMENDATION MEDAL

SPECIALIST 5: Donald W. Coates.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: William E. Long.

MAJOR: Homer E. Malaby, Thomas E. Stout, James M. Young.

CAPTAIN: Gary J. Barr, Robert E. Caddell, John R. Davis, Frank F. Gruber, Richard P. Holk, Judith G. Jackson (WAC).

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Roland C. Baker, Nicholas L. Bennett, John T. Davis, Bernard D. French, Robert M. Garvey (1), Kelly R. Klepzig, Vernon H. Lowell, Edward W. Money-penny, John E. Schultheiss (1), David S. Williams, Bruce B. Wilson.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: Michael McLaughlin, William R. Weber Jr.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Garold A. Badberg (2), Richard A. Brown, Charles P. Reiterman, Richard L. Roloff, Laudice R. Scrimshire (2).

WARRANT OFFICER: Samuel R. McDonald.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Francis R. Robb (3).

FIRST SERGEANT: Johnnie L. Stegner.

MASTER SERGEANT: Joseph E. Adamson Jr. (1), Norman L. Brooks (2), Carthol A. Hyde, Eugene H.

Rapelje, Frank E. Yavorosky (1).

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Elmer C. Capley (1), Kenneth R. Chambers, William J. Clark (2), Willie J. Courtney, Marvin L. Cunningham, Melvyn D. Fogle, James C. Gay, Gary F. Hawkins, William J. Hayes, George F. Leblanc, Paul D. Long, Kenneth E. Marshall, William H. Miller, Edgar A. Quinn, Harvey W. Schomburg, Howard M. Smith, James L. Stubbs, Gregory C. Vandeputte, Harold Keith Yeaman.

SPECIALIST 7: Robert L. Parmenter.

STAFF SERGEANT: Gary O. Amos, Irving A. Bailey, John W. Baker, Charles M. Becker Sr. (1), John Bosak, Donald E. Bray, Thomas R. Cagley, David R. Cairnie, Steven B. Cochran, David A. Cook, Tom R. Dailey, Richard J. Daniel, James Gilfone Jr., Peter N. Goodman, Crit D. Graham, Deward L. Hixenbaugh, William C. Hunger Jr., William A. Kasel, Raymond F. Lacy, Charles T. Mansfield, Carolyn L. Otey (WAC), Rena M. Rath sack, Williard R. Robertson, Kenneth R. Simmons, Larry W. Sims, Dale W. Smith, John W. Watkins.

SPECIALIST 6: Merle W. Barber (1), Paul J. Curtis, John D. Horton, Ronald E. Shirey, David S. Stine, Albert P. Williams III.

SERGEANT: Wallas J. Caraher, Bernard O. Ellis Jr., Bernard B. Ezzell, Doyle M. Forrester, Wesley S. Hauver.

SPECIALIST 5: Jack L. Allsbrook, Richard D. Amick, Clifford R. Anstead, Earl W. Baxter, Arthur F. Blackman, Francis E. Boegemann, Dennis K. Butterfield, Michael R. Colvin, Gerald J. Geoffion III, James E. Gregory, Charles G. Halfinger, Jerry N. Hall, James E. Hart, Harry R. Holden, Richard J. Hughes, James F. Hurley, Stephen A. Ingman, John M. Komacar, William C. Lucas, Michael V. Musto, James O. Olsen, Reier A. Olson, Patrick J. Stone, Wiley L. Vincent, Edward R. White.

SPECIALIST 4: Richard J. Bell, Phillip D. Didonato, Wayne A. Forster, Ira J. Harvey, William J. Hebert, Clifford R. Heil, David E. Iverson, Tyrone P. Moffatt, Charles O. Moulton, Clifford Swearman.

PROMOTIONS

TO MAJOR: John Bircher, Melvin L. Grant.

TO CAPTAIN: Roy Mimna, Philip I. Park, Luther Thompson, Robert B. Whitmore, John Zawistoski.

TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Levi Joy.

TO E9: Milton W. Hooper.

TO E8: Robert L. Bowyer.

TO E7: Charles W. Vallette.

RETIREMENT

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Lowell R. Fultz.

MASTER SERGEANT: Cleveland Harper.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Carl D. Ailes.

STAFF SERGEANT: Billy E. Tucker.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Sustained Superior Performance Award

Arthur A. Angell, Miss Virginia Armstrong, Mrs. Edna M. Deponai, Odie Facemire, Clifford P. Fuller and Alex Walker.

Outstanding Performance Award

Donald Bennett Jr., James Blankenship, Bernard Braun, Grady F. Catlett, Joseph Del Vecchio, Kenneth Dougherty, Harold J. Fagan, Robert Housel, Walter Laws, S. H. Robert Lee, Hershel R. Lung, Mrs. Mary Ann McCormick, Mrs. Mary L. Moore, Mrs. Myrtle J. Pine, John S. Schwab Jr., Paul Singleton and Phillip E. Wralstad.

Quality Pay Increase

Michael Barden, James Blankenship, Mrs. Juanita Hinton, Bernard Kuszewski, Kenneth McKinney, Mrs. Myrtle J. Pine, Mrs. Flora G. Pommer and Henry D. Pruden.



ODCSPER



New GI Bill Benefits — President Nixon signed a law that will significantly increase educational benefits to veterans. The monthly payments are as follows: single veteran or serviceman on active duty \$175; veteran with one dependent, \$205; veteran with two dependents, \$230; each additional dependent, \$13; and orphans or widows, \$175.

For students who are failing their college classes, up to \$50 per month for nine months will be paid toward tutor assistance.

A new pre-separation education plan pays up to \$175 per month for tuition, fees and books. This plan is for men working on a high school diploma or attending classes to prepare for college. This plan is for persons having less than 180 days active duty remaining. The \$175 is not counted against other GI Bill benefits.

The new law increases the payments for full time vocational rehabilitation training to \$135 monthly for single men, \$181 for veterans with one dependent, \$210 for those with two dependents, and \$6 for each additional dependent.

For men attending colleges where full-time study is considered to be 12 semester hours, full GI Bill allowances will be paid for taking that amount or more. Previously, the minimum load was 14 hours.

Finally, veterans will be glad to hear that they are allowed to draw education help from more than one government agency at one time.



Superior Performance Pay Rules are Simplified — A simplified procedure for awarding Proficiency Pay in the Superior Performance category went into effect May 1, 1970. Now, two MOS evaluation cutoff scores automatically qualify an individual for

this extra money. These scores are 120 for combat type skills and 135 for military occupational specialties in the support category.

Superior Performance Pay presently goes to soldiers not entitled to Proficiency Pay in the Specialty category, and whose evaluation scores are in the upper 20 per cent for combat and the top five per cent for support type MOS. Under the new system, the above scores are very close to previous cutoff zones. The net effect will be to give the individual a clearly defined qualifying standard and to simplify the administrative process by eliminating DA monthly Performance Qualification Score (SPQS) messages.

A Department of the Army circular containing additional details and a breakdown of MOS by combat and support categories will soon be published. The new

rules will apply only to Superior Performance Pay. Proficiency Pay in the Specialty category is not affected by this change.



Army Sounding Board for the Individual Soldier — A new program has been established to encourage soldiers to tell about the performance and possible improvement of individual combat clothing and equipment.

Called the Army Sounding Board for the Individual Soldier, it is a function of the U.S. Army Combat Developments Command Infantry Agency at Ft. Benning, Ga. The program includes procedures for rapidly implementing constructive suggestions and expediting improvement of items.

Suggestions and ideas on improving performance of the individual soldier's combat clothing and equipment should be sent to: President, The Army Sounding Board, CDC Infantry Agency, Ft. Benning, Ga. 31905.



E-9 Selection Board Meets in September — The next DA Centralized Enlisted Promotion Selection Board for considering promotions to E-9 will meet Sept. 22, 1970. The board consists of a general officer, 10 field grade officers and 6 command sergeants major.

To qualify for the primary zone of consideration, one must be on active duty in pay grade E-8 and have a date of rank of Dec. 31, 1967 or earlier. A basic active service date of Dec. 31, 1951 or earlier is also required. Secondary zone personnel must have a basic active service date of Jan. 1, 1952 through Dec. 31, 1956.

Official communications regarding promotions should be directed to Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: EPADS, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310. They should be received by DA no later than October 2, 1970.



New OCS Pamphlet Published — If you are a young man or woman who would like to know more about Officer Candidate School (OCS) opportunities, it might be worth your while to refer to the newly published DA Pamphlet 601-1. Titled "The OCS

Story," this colorful and attractive 24-page publication provides a wealth of clear and concise information about the program.

Included are the mission and history of OCS; its curriculum (to include daily life of the candidates); application procedures; and, expected future assignments and responsibilities of graduates. Copies are obtainable through normal publications channels and should be available at company and battery levels.



ASA Hakata

Scenic view of Hakata Administration Annex beach, which is a part of the Genkai Sea National Park. The white beach extends for seven and one-half miles, and is within walking distance of the troop and dependent housing.

Field Station Hakata is located on Kyushu, Japan's southernmost island. It is situated on a peninsula bounded on the south by Hakata Bay and on the north by the Genkai Sea. The city of Fukuoka is located just across the Bay.

Fukuoka is the second largest city on the island and is the center for commerce, finance and education. It is also the governmental seat of the island. Fukuoka is widely known for its Hakata dolls. According to legend, these dolls were created by tile makers who made the first doll in 1602. Since then, years of research and

development have resulted in today's fine and delicate dolls that are famous all over the world. The city is easily accessible to the field station by means of ferry, bus, taxi or private automobile.

Built in March 1936, the installation was used by the Japanese Imperial Navy as a naval air and torpedo base. In 1945, following World War II, it was occupied by the Fifth U.S. Amphibious Corps. In July 1950, with the advent of hostilities in Korea, the newly formed 8024th U.S. Army Station Complement took possession.

The U.S. Air Force assumed command of the installation

A Modern Installation in an Ancient Land



Agency personnel play 18 holes of golf right on the base (top).

The semi-annual pistol match between the American and the Japanese Army teams is only one of several community relations events (bottom).



Japanese employees from the Yawata Steel Mill give the Hakata Rams some stiff competition in the modern base gymnasium.

Photos by SP5
Ronald J. Desprey
USASA FS, Hakata

in July 1956 at which time they changed the name to Brady Air Base. In January 1962, it was finally redesignated Hakata Administration Annex. The annex has a unique host-tenant relationship in that Hakata is an Air Force Base which hosts the USASAFS, Hakata, the Naval Security Group, and the 6918th Air Force Security Squadron. However, the field station is the operational host unit for both of the other groups.

Hakata has much to offer the tourist. For those who like pottery, one of the most interesting places to visit is Saga Prefecture, where the Arita kilns are located and some of the world's most famous chinaware and pottery are made. Arita is just a short train ride from Hakata.

Mount Aso, one of the world's largest active volcanoes, is one of the outstanding sightseeing attractions of Japan. The city of Beppu which is near Mount Aso is famous for its hot springs and summer resorts. The cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima are just a few hours away by train or car and offer the sightseer many cultural attractions. One of the main attractions is the Peace Statue located at Nagasaki Park.

There are several community relations events each year. Among these are a semi-annual pistol match between the field station pistol team and the Japanese Army team. The winner is awarded a traveling trophy. A highlight of the station's Japanese-American relations program is the Dempa Kai, a golf tournament between the field station personnel and the Japanese civilian employees.

One of the most worthwhile programs is the support of the Fukuoka Children's Home. A special treat to the children is the monthly birthday party for all the children having birthdays during that particular month. The personnel of the field station contribute monthly for the upkeep of the home.

In proportion to the size of the base, the number of dependent housing facilities at Hakata is greater than at most. There are also numerous off-base rental units in the neighboring towns of Sanitozaki and Gannosu.

If physical fitness is your bag, the base gymnasium is one of the most modern in the Pacific area, and has facilities for most indoor sports. It even has its own steam bath. Judo and karate classes are held in the gym, as are intramural basketball games.

Hakata boasts an 18-hole golf course right on the base. Green fees for nonmembers are one dollar Tuesday

through Friday, and two dollars on weekends and holidays. The fees are reduced by half after three o'clock. Caddies are also available at a moderate cost. Clubs may be borrowed from Special Services or rented for 50 cents per day from the clubhouse. A large driving range is located near the ninth green and balls may be rented for 25 cents a bucket. The clubhouse is well equipped with locker rooms, a pro shop and snack bar. Prices for equipment in the pro shop are much less than those of CONUS. Individual members pay only five dollars per month for use of the course, and family memberships cost only seven dollars. The Fukuoka area also offers many excellent Japanese golf courses with green fees averaging five dollars.

During the summer, one of the most popular spots on base is the beach. Hakata Administration Annex Beach is within walking distance of the troop and dependent housing areas, and is one of the finest recreational

facilities in the Far East. The beach is open about six months of the year and is great for swimming and beachcombing. The beach is seven and one-half miles of white sand. A beach house is provided for station personnel in addition to adequate parking facilities. Lifeguards patrol the swimming areas during the summer season. Tables, benches and grills are conveniently located for having picnics on the beach. After seeing the striking contrast of green pines, white sands and blue waters, one can understand why this section ranks among the most beautiful in Japan. If you are interested in a quiet peaceful walk, or fun and frolic, the Genkai Sea is at Hakata's back door.

The station has a boat dock that is equipped to handle private boats. There is also an active boat club for all interested boating enthusiasts.

Military and civilian members make up the Kappa Diving Association which maintains a club house near the Hakata boat docks. Skin-diving instruction is given and equipment can be checked out by members. For those who are qualified, scuba equipment is available. The association frequently conducts diving trips to nearby areas.

Japan has many beautiful people and places. When one completes a tour of Hakata, he will have had the enjoyment of acquiring a stimulating knowledge of the Japanese people, their land and traditions.



This delightful scene is at the Fukuoka Children's Home. SP5 Desprey attended the monthly birthday party to take this picture.



"Bliss" is a Snoopy Rock

When the 2d USASA Company (Aviation) was renamed the U.S. Army Aviation EW Company and relocated from Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., to Ft. Bliss, Tex., an important morale factor was regrettably left behind.

It wasn't long, however, before the old 2d was reunited with its beloved Snoopy Rock, which had been unceremoniously stolen from Ft. Huachuca. Legend has it that the former CO, Lieutenant Colonel Wilmer L. Preston, procured the rock from a small band of Arizona Indians who had worshipped it as a totem of good fortune. However, this story has been repeatedly denied by officials who claim that the rock is just a plain old rock.

Pictured above is Specialist 5 Mike Plews and the Snoopy Rock, now at Ft. Bliss. (Photo courtesy of SP5 Ekim Swelp, Plews' alter ego.)



The long-haired (?) guitar player on the left is SSG J. Malaspina. SSG George Foster, emcee for the musical show (center) and SP5 James Drown (right) combined with SP5 Charles Brindle on drums for the ASA BA performance at Ft. Devens.

(Photo by SP5 Vern Wicks)

ZOT AWARD

Warrant Officer 1, Charles R. Chester, OIC of the Signal Maintenance section, has a reputation in the 144th Aviation Company (RR). It seems Mr. Chester has an uncanny ability to misplace items such as keys, hats and other items of personal paraphernalia.

Recently, after completing a priority mission to the officer's club, he was offered a ride back to the company area by a pair of his commissioned cohorts. Not relishing the thought of walking this great distance, Mr. Chester gratefully accepted the offer. Once back in the company area, Mr. Chester diligently returned to his work.

It wasn't too long before he was asked the whereabouts of the section's vehicle. Not entirely sure of its location but confident of its return, WO1 Chester assured the inquisitor that the truck would be back shortly.

After an hour of anxious waiting, a second inquiry was made. This time, Mr. Chester meekly dispatched Specialist 5 William Tavegia to the officer's club to pick up the truck.

Try not to lose *this*, Mr. Chester. It has your name on it. . . . ZOT!

COUNTRY & WESTERN

Massachusetts—A two-hour show at Ft. Devens featured Country and Western music and an imitation of Tiny Tim's "Tip Toe Through the Tulips."

Sponsored by the ASA Benefit Association on April 11, the musical was held as another contributing factor to the Ft. Devens/BA success story.

Emcee for the show was Staff Sergeant George Foster, a guitar-playing sound-a-like mimic of Johnny Cash. Staff Sergeant Johnny Malaspina nearly stole the show with his falsetto rendition of "Tip Toe . . ." sounding very much like his idol—Tiny Tim.

The performance was viewed by 500 enthusiastic fans with proceeds going to the Benefit Association.



Service is Theme at ACS

The Army Community Service emblem: the cross, symbol for hope, the gyroscope, symbol for equilibrium and stability; and the heart showing ACS as a living, sustaining force in the lives of Army personnel and their dependents. The circle represents the whole of the Army community.

ACS stands for Army Community Service, an Army-wide program to help soldiers and their dependents deal with personal problems they cannot handle alone. It provides such items as financial aid, emergency transportation, child care, family counseling and aid to handicapped dependents. It also helps relieve burdens that sometimes occur during family relocation. ACS is Army-funded and is therefore available only to qualified members of the military community. Most ACS employees are volunteer workers who are Service wives or civilians in the Army community. They are experienced in the many problems a soldier and his family face and therefore have deep understanding of a military family's needs.

Officially, ACS has been in existence since July 25, 1965. However, the foundation for ACS began much earlier. The creation of an ACS program received its first significant impetus in late 1963 from Lieutenant General James L. Richardson, then Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army. Aware of the ever increasing magnitude of personal and family problems affecting the morale and welfare of Army personnel and their dependents, General

Richardson directed that an officer be assigned to Personnel Services Division, ODCSPER, with the specific mission to develop some kind of "family service program" to assist in alleviating these problems.

Lieutenant Colonel Marie Baird, assigned to the staff of the Director, Women's Army Corps, was selected to develop the program in January 1964. To insure that any program developed be professionally based, the Surgeon General assigned his Social Work Consultant, Lieutenant Colonel William Rooney, to assist in the basic development of the program.

The idea of a family service program in the Army was not new. Many commanders had established assistance centers at Army posts to cope with special needs of military personnel and their dependents. However, such efforts were neither centralized

nor permanent, and were usually discontinued upon the departure of the interested commander. The need for a program was widely recognized but an officially sanctioned and coordinated program did not exist.

Finally, the ACS idea gained a foothold. Interest generated by preliminary inquiries, visits, and a study resulted in the establishment, from command resources, of assistance centers at three Army posts. These activities, located at Ft. Benning, Ft. Dix, and Ft. Lewis, differed in organization, but were based upon the original ACS concept and contributed significant information and experience in final program development.

During the next year, effort was spent to gather support for the new program. Major commanders worldwide were invited to express their views about the need for such effort.



BEFORE

Army Community Service volunteers, many of whom are "waiting wives," attending an orientation program at Ft. Myer, Va.

All sources emphasized the urgency of immediate establishment of a program of assistance.

A program became absolutely necessary with the increased activities in Southeast Asia. Thousands of soldiers were transferred from Okinawa, Hawaii, Alaska and Europe to Vietnam. Dependents of these soldiers necessarily returned to the United States. This mass relocation caused implementation of the draft ACS plan almost a month prior to its approval. On July 25, 1965, General Harold K. Johnson approved the establishment of ACS to be operated worldwide. The official support and official sanction of this program insured its swift and effective implementation.

Some form of ACS is now available at more than 180 Army installations worldwide. An ACS officer is authorized for every installation with 500-2,000 Army personnel whose dependents may join them. At larger installations ACS centers are made up of trained volunteers who form committees under the guidance of the ACS officer. Posts having 7,000 or more military personnel may also have a trained social work officer and social work specialists assigned to ACS.

All members of the Army community are eligible for ACS help, and it comes in the form of many types

of service. When a soldier is newly assigned to an installation, ACS provides him with an information packet that includes information about the post, the civilian community, and the benefits available to the military family.

Often, ACS offices send letters to the next of kin of Vietnam returnees admitted to the local post hospital. These letters invite relatives to visit the soldier at the post hospital and furnish them with information on local facilities which can be helpful during their visit.

A popular service is the ACS loan closet, with dishes, flatware, glasses, pots and pans, irons, ironing boards, portable cribs, high chairs, brooms and dust pans, and other items useful to families without household goods. Items are loaned for short periods of time and can be kept longer if necessary.

In an emergency, ACS volunteers take children into their homes for hours or even weeks. An example of this is the help a Fort Monroe Army wife gave when a young mother, whose husband was in Vietnam, suddenly became ill and was rushed to the hospital. The ACS volunteer and her family "adopted" the mother's six children for more than a week until the father arrived home.

In emergency situations, ACS vol-

unteers provide transportation for Army dependents unable to find other means.

Members of the ACS Casualty Committee represent the post community of Army wives in offering sympathy and appropriate help to widows whose husbands die while on active duty.

ACS is also active in offering help for handicapped dependents, providing activities for "waiting wives" and senior citizens, conducting language classes for foreign-born wives, and counseling families who request advice.

Emergency Service workers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Regardless of the problem, if it causes disruption of the family's morale and well-being, ACS centers serve as hubs of assistance. The ACS theme, "Self-help, Service and Stability," reflects its nature and purpose.

Major personnel support for ACS comes from more than 4,500 dedicated volunteers who are members of the Army community. They receive extensive formal and on-the-job training and wear distinctive uniforms. The volunteer corps includes wives, teenage dependents, retired personnel and active duty soldiers.

The future of ACS is guaranteed by its past. On July 25, 1970, it will have been in operation for five years. It is expected that by that day the network of 180 centers and points of contact will have processed a total of two and one-half million requests for assistance and information since 1965.

Credit for the success of ACS must be given to the hundreds of military and civilian members, who believed in the concept and worked to support its initiation and final accomplishment. General Johnson has called its establishment "... an action of great significance to the well being of the Army."



AFTER

ACS veterans being awarded 50-hour and one-year Army Community Service volunteer pins.

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Commanders Plan Ahead at Annual Conference



The sixth annual Commanders Conference was held at Arlington Hall Station, May 6-10, 1970.

Forty four conferees, representing agency units worldwide, gathered at the ASA headquarters for a week of presentations and discussions.

The theme for the 1970 conference was "Plan Ahead," and that's exactly what Major General Charles J. Denholm asked the gathered leaders to do.

In his opening remarks the commanding general stressed four points which he felt were critical if the command is to maintain its high level of mission accomplishment.

While the first two points the general discussed were geared to the operational posture of the agency's future, his last two areas of concern were directed at the individual commanders with a time frame of "tomorrow" clearly implied. The commanders of ASA units must be constantly on the lookout for better and more efficient ways of accomplishing the job. Tomorrow's innovations, advanced techniques and technology must be applied to today's jobs. To date, the agency has characterized itself with creativeness and innovation but, the urge to rest on old laurels and to employ only adequate solutions and job methods to accomplish tomorrow's problems and mission must be resisted.

The final point in MG Denholm's opening remarks was that the commanders must recognize and respond to their

individual responsibility within the ASA. They must maintain a working knowledge of the entire scope of the agency's activities, and not isolate themselves within their immediate spheres of command. The agency's strength in the future will be measured in great part by the ability of its commanders to be flexible within the over-all framework of the Army Security Agency.

After the general's opening statements, Dr. Louis W. Tordella, Deputy Director of the National Security Agency, spoke on ASA's position and future in the cryptologic community.

Brigadier General William B. Fulton, Systems Manager for the STANO project, was also a guest speaker.

The STANO discussion briefed the audience on the steps now being taken to better prepare the field commander for future tactical operations.

The great majority of the discussions prepared for the conference faithfully adhered to the established theme. Almost every presentation dealt with trends, future projects and problems.

Each presentation had a built-in period of discussion. This factor, along with the round-table discussions of the first three days, smoothed over the question areas.

One of the highlights of the week was the presentation of the Commanding General's Plaque, awarded each year

to the unit that has best accomplished the Army Security Agency's mission. The plaque for 1969 was accepted by Colonel Eugene Bratton, in behalf of the Materiel Support Command, Field Station Vint Hill Farms.

COL Bratton however, was not the only recipient of an award. Twelve other commanders walked off with a total of 17 awards (9 for Journalism, 6 Safety awards and 2 Food Service awards).

Colonel William W. Higgins also received something at the conference. His gift-wrapped present (a response to an earlier request for sophisticated electronic maintenance equipment) was wheeled on stage shortly before the close of the conference.

When confronted with the odd-shaped package, COL Higgins said: "Does it explode or do I eat it?" The wheeled monster turned out to be a heavy-duty vacuum cleaner.

The purpose of this year's theme, "Plan Ahead," was to present the picture—this is ASA, here's where we are and here's where we're going. Problems were identified, resolutions undertaken, and the future path of the agency was laid out.

The relative success of the conference will only be determined in the days ahead. But if the comment by one of the senior commanders is to be given any consideration, the future won't be too much for the agency to handle: "Sir, this was the best conference yet."



COL Eugene Bratton, formerly of Materiel Support Command, holds the coveted CG's Plaque after the presentation by MG Denholm. COL Bratton was CO of the command judged the unit which had best accomplished the agency's mission.

Gathered before the entrance to the Arlington Hall Station Headquarters are the conferees to the 1970 Commanders Conference: (1st row from left) COL J. E. Robbins; COL T. F. Hooper; COL A. W. Hackwood; BG F. W. Collins; MG C. J. Denholm; BG T. K. Trigg; COL M. M. Lawson; COL R. W. DesJarlais; COL R. E. Holland; (2d row from left) LTC G. J. Beshens; LTC D. R. Arena; COL R. B. Mosser; COL W. H. Jepson; COL L. J. Fischer; COL H. E. Otiker; COL W. W. Higgins; COL J. W. Wells; LTC J. F. Jewett; LTC T. F. Bartholomew; (3d row from left) MAJ H. P. Thomas; MAJ L. J. Benson; LTC J. P. Karpicky; LTC R. C. Doerer; LTC J. A. Teal Jr.; LTC R. J. Dodson; MAJ J. E. Feit; MAJ R. Crocheron; MAJ G. W. Wright.



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